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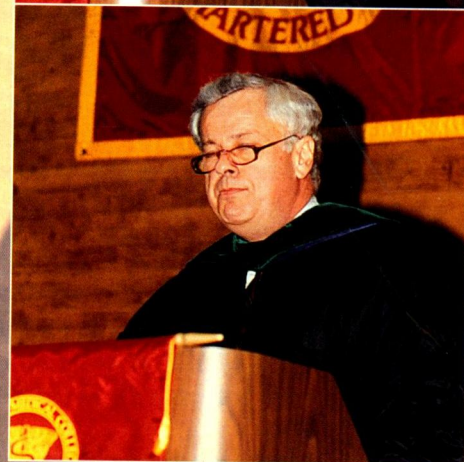
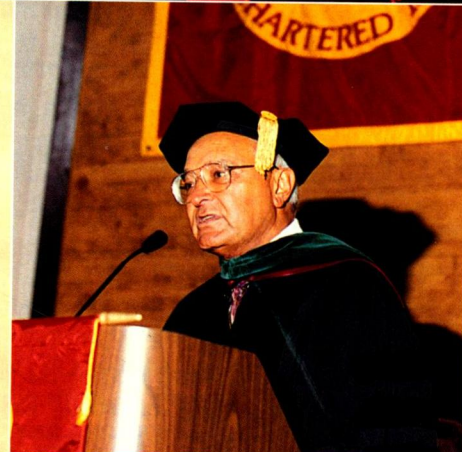
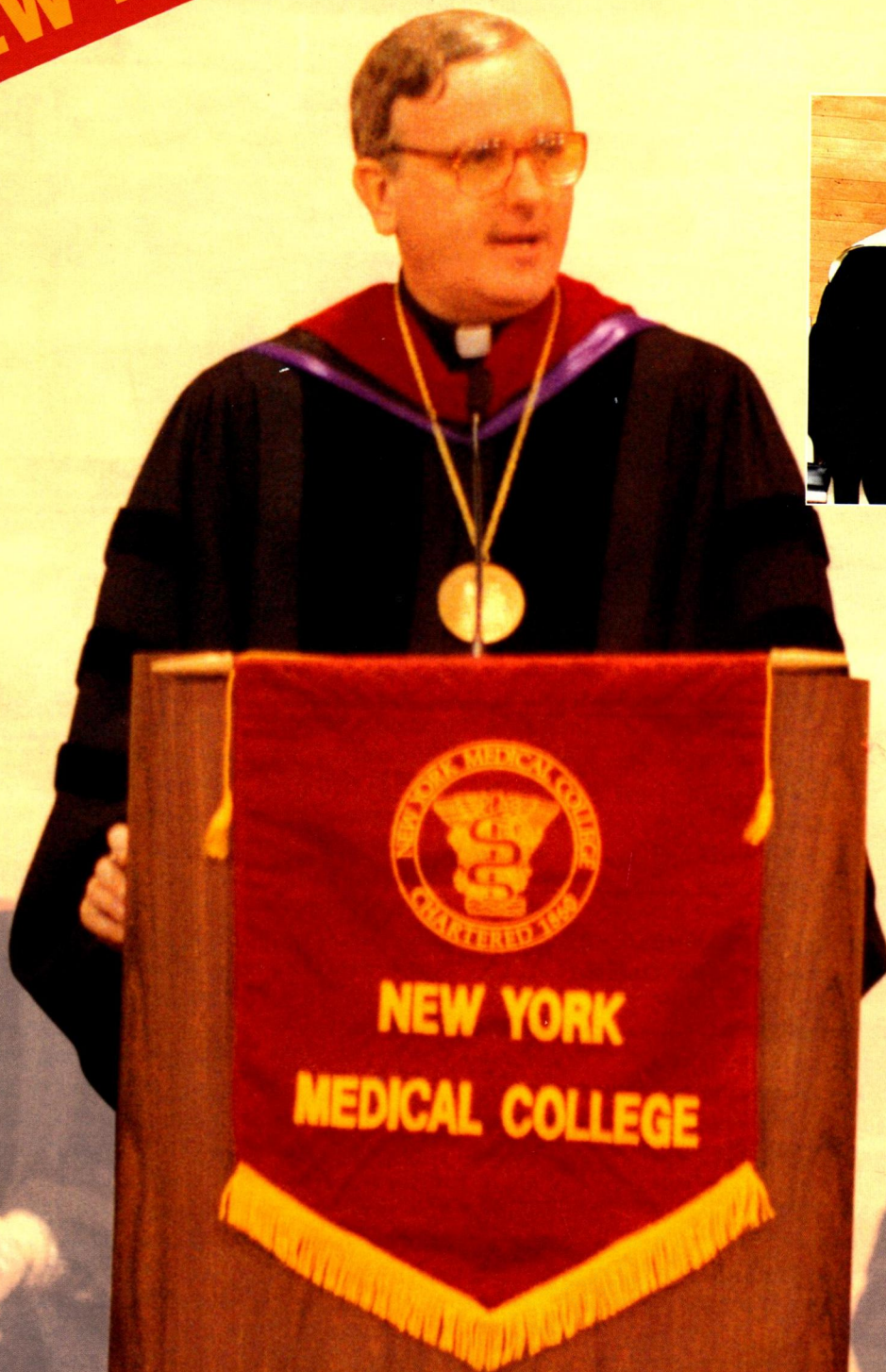
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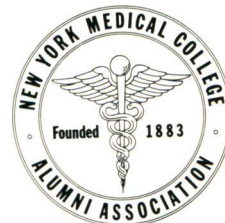
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# The President's Message:

## An Effort of Love

Dear Colleagues,

This is my last message to you as president of our Alumni Association.

These past four years have brought many changes to our College. Mr. George Cooney has been named chairman of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Karl Adler has been appointed dean of the medical school and vice president for medical affairs, and Father Harry Barrett was installed as president of the medical university. I am proud to report that the Alumni Association participated in these decisions, and I am pleased to share with you the conclusion that has become clear to me in working with the administrative officers of the College through the years: they hold the alumni and alumnae of this medical school in high esteem. Needless to say I am of the same opinion.

When I traveled around the country to the chapter meetings and attended the CME winter seminars, and when I read your correspondence and talked with you on the phone, I developed a great appreciation for the significant diversity and high level of talent among you and a great respect for the valuable contributions you are making in your own communities and often far beyond. You are wonderful physicians and have brought much credit to our college. The current medical students are also impressed with their forebears. They look around the campus and see how your contributions have improved their learning experience and they are appreciative.

This winter the Liaison Committee for Medical Education completed a survey of our medical college. For the first time our Association was involved in the process. The inspecting committee observed the high level of morale and warm relationships among the students and their pride in the College, which are seen as very real strengths of the school. I am pleased that we have made significant strides in developing a closer relationship between our graduates and the current students, and I am

sure that these efforts will further increase the positive bonding that has occurred.

No one can leave this office without taking away certain very strong feelings, which I know will be lasting. After four years of extensive exposure to all aspects of our medical university—students, faculty, both basic and clinical, administration, and a number of different committees—I can say I am a better person for having served in this post. It has been an effort of love, which I believe greatly benefited my life as a physician, and like you, I am happy to continue contributing to the further advancement of our medical alma mater.

I want to thank the Board of Governors for entrusting me with this office. Without their continuous support and their tireless effort no success is ever possible. To Joseph F. Dursi '59, chairman of special events, a special thanks for all his extra time and thought.

Our new president, Michael Antonelle '62, will take office on July 1. He is no stranger to you; he has done a fine job as editor of the **Chironian** for the past 10 years and has been actively involved in our planning. With the same support from us all that you have given me he will surely succeed in the presidency. I turn the leadership of the Association over to him with great confidence.

New York Medical College has a glorious future. I have no doubt that with the support of its graduates our college will rank ever higher as we enter the next century.

With deep thanks and warmest regards,

Louis E. Fierro '60



# A NEW BEGINNING:

## The Inauguration of NYMC President Harry C. Barrett

In a ceremony marked by a strong sense of vision, commitment, and a new beginning, Reverend Harry C. Barrett, D. Min., M.P.H., was inaugurated as the president of New York Medical College. The inaugural took place on December 2, 1992 at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, NY.

More than 500 people, including representatives of 90 universities, colleges, learned societies, and other associations across the country attended the installation and the reception that followed. After a colorful, impressive procession, the program opened with a welcome to the guests from Jackson E. Spears, a former chairman and 49-year member of the NYMC Board of Trustees.

Officials of New York State, New York City, and Westchester County brought greetings, as did representatives of other constituencies including the medical university's administration, faculty, and students, and the 7,000 NYMC alumni and alumnae, on whose behalf the Association's President, Louis E. Fierro '60, spoke. George K. Cooney, President of the Board of Trustees and Mr. Spears then presented and invested Reverend Barrett. The ceremony closed with a talk and benediction by John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York.

In his inaugural address, President Barrett spoke of the radical shift he believes is essential to broaden the vision of New York Medical College.

Pointing out that the definition of health has changed in a way that requires medical centers to change, he said, "Health is no longer the absence of disease but a sense of responsibility which each person must have for their physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing. We excel in teaching students the delivery of acute clinical care and in doing basic science research focused on specific diseases. However, in the area of health education and disease prevention assumed by



*The academic procession, with Mace Bearer Charles E. Ford, Dean of Academic Development, in the foreground.*

such a redefinition of health, we fall behind."

He noted that as a university-level academic health center, NYMC needs to respond to the challenges facing it on five levels, depending on the causes of disease.

"Level 1 responses use the strategy of primary and tertiary medical care when the cause is biological-genetic. We will continue to strengthen our commitment to basic

science research, tertiary care settings for specialist training, and the development of community hospital settings for our expanding role in primary care training," he said.

"Level 2 responses use the strategy of disease prevention when the cause is lifestyle. We will foster the development of preventive medicine residencies and joint degree programs between the medical school and the school of public health.

"Level 3 responses use the strategy of health promotion when the cause is community environment. We will continue to work with foundations who are interested in community programs directed to community health needs.

"Level 4 responses use the strategy of health protection when the cause is physical environment. We will continue our programs in occupational and environmental health.

"Level 5 responses use the strategy of being an advocate when the cause is social and economic. The university will be proactive in shaping national, county, and city policy in the area of delivering health care." President Barrett said that each of these five levels "must find a place in the teaching programs of all our schools and in all the activities of the university.

This new mission will require the replacement of past institutional structures with new models. We must be an academic health center, not an academic sickness center."

Noting that NYMC along with most other medical schools use "supply side thinking" to define their mission, he said, "we have

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been in a never-ending search for patients and hospitals that suit the narrow role of generating new doctors to deal with level one issues of medical care... Schools must be shaped by the needs of people not by the needs of professionals."

To respond to these needs New York Medical College will take on a population-based perspective, Reverend Barrett said. "People in the community will set our focus, not professional interests."

Outlining ways in which the university will respond, the President said:

- "We will change the medical school and health sciences curricula to meet the needs of communities while maintaining the high standards already achieved;
- "We will engage the faculty in collaborative teaching and research across departmental and school lines;
- "We will create fellowships and internships for students to work with culturally diverse underserved populations, addressing their needs on all five levels;
- "We will target vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly, and the underserved. In addition, we are exploring ways of providing the quality associated with a teaching environment to nursing homes in our area;
- "We will help to contain health care costs by making sure that preventive medicine and cost-effective clinical decision-making are included in all levels of health care education. This will prepare our medical students for the managed competition and outcome-measured future of medicine."

Reverend Barrett added that this new vision will require commitment to even more specific and measurable challenges, among them providing basic competencies in population-based subjects such as epidemiology, sociology, psychology and religious studies to all its students and faculty; including clinical-prevention knowledge at all levels of health professionals' education; exposing the students to substantive scholarly studies in subjects related to population medicine; and insisting in affiliation negotiations with the county and the city that peoples' health is the focus and not governmental or college political issues.

Saying that the institution would seek foundation, corporate, and individual financial support to aid in developing new models for the provision of population-based health care and the training of professionals, he noted, "We must involve the academic health center in the widest sense in the socio-political process as an advocate for the health of the public by being involved daily in issues of social justice." He added that "all these

are goals of the university not of single departments." Continuing his address, the president said that major changes in college structure will be required, involving the creation of new forums for communication among all members of the college community and improvement of existing structures of the student and faculty senates. He noted that as a first step a commitment has been made to develop a university-wide strategic plan, with all faculty,

administration, and students involved in the planning process, which "will be educational in style and be used to rekindle the creative spark necessary for a new unity of direction and personal commitment on the part of all...." "Over the next year we will experience significant progress to becoming truly a medical university for the 21st century. An essential part of this progress will be a clear commitment to our development in the Catholic tradition," the president said.

"Today I could have chosen to wear the salmon pink hood of

public health but rather I wear the scarlet hood of theology. That choice was not a doctoral or doctrinal preference but to allow you to see the deepest level of what forms me. I am a little bit scientist and a little bit theologian and have been given the task of bringing about the unity of both here at New York Medical College."

In his conclusion the newly invested president said that "New York Medical College represents the place for the Church to show its continued deep commitment to knowledge and the search for truth," adding, "The medical university is the place where the Church can dialogue with the pluralistic culture of its time. We are a mini-city of scientists, physicians, health delivery specialists and administrators. We represent the place in which this dialogue between Catholics, members of the great religions and non-believers can take place in freedom without the mandate of legal structures. Truly a place for a grand experiment.

"As the president of New York Medical College I commit myself and the university to a constant concern for ultimate questions of faith and science; to a concern for the spiritual development of its faculty and students; and to ongoing reflection on questions of ethics as a daily activity of the university. These responsibilities will require the deepest level of commitment from every member of the university family. I commit my life to you and ask the same from each of you. If you experience any anxiety from what you have heard remember the words of St. John, 'Fear is driven out by perfect love.' Let the new moment for New York Medical College begin." ■

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# Anniversary Seminar Scores A"10"



Megs Cea, Philip Cea '70, Robert Cronin '59, Lorraine Cronin, William Cronin '59, Joan Cronin, Martha Dursi and Joseph Dursi '59.



Peg Gerritsen, Roy Gerritsen '60, Rebecca Fierro, and Louis Fierro '60.



Louis Fierro '60, Gary Wormser, M.D., and Joseph Dursi '59.



Top row from left: Joseph Connolly '59, Eduardo Lopez, David Connors '59; front row from left: Cynthia Connolly, Marion Lopez, and Mary Elizabeth Connors.



From left: Alice Smith, David Smith '61, Dianne Diktaban, Theodore Diktaban '76.

Participants in the Alumni Association's tenth annual winter seminar, held aboard the cruise liner S.S. Princess during a Caribbean cruise from January 30 to February 6, 1993, awarded extra high marks to both the study and the social programs.

For this milestone anniversary, Special Events Chairman Joseph Dursi '59 brought on board as "scholar-in-residence" a physician who is an outstanding authority on three all-too-timely topics and a cogent, compelling speaker. He is Gary Wormser, M.D., an NYMC professor of both medicine and pharmacology, chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases of the Department of Medicine, and director of the Lyme Diagnostic Center of Westchester County Medical Center.

Alumni Association President Louis Fierro '60 voiced the sentiments of the group in describing Dr. Wormser's presentations as "extraordinary," adding, "I just wish all our alumni and alumnae had shared the experience of hearing him. We learned a great deal in a very short time. We all consider ourselves fortunate to have been there."

In his discussion of HIV Infection and AIDS, Dr. Wormser talked of diagnosis, evaluation, and management of patients, including treatment of various complications. He pointed out that skillful management of infected patients involves blending common sense and compassion with up-to-date knowledge of the most pertinent scientific discoveries. Reviewing the natural history, epidemiology and clinical manifestations of AIDS, he spoke of various issues surrounding AIDS including those particularly relevant to the health care worker.

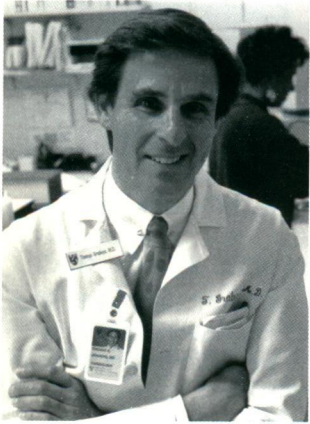
During sessions on Lyme Disease, Dr. Wormser discussed the epidemiology of the disease and therapeutic considerations, with an update on antibiotic therapy. He added to the course program an update on a third topic of critical importance today, TB, which he points out is now seen in menacing resurgence, particularly in such vulnerable populations as poor and inner city men, women, and children, the homeless, AIDS patients, and other groups.

In reviewing the history of the winter seminars Joe Dursi recalled that the week-long programs had covered a broad spectrum of topics in specialties and subspecialties of medicine and surgery, with noted experts updating development in their fields. All the seminars were approved for Category I credit and Joe points out that those who attended all ten of the course programs would have accumulated nearly 100 CME credits.

They would also have enjoyed a wonderful mix of social programs, and opportunities for excellent rounds of golf, sets of tennis, swimming, and sunning, plus cocktail conviviality and new and continuing warm friendship. Seven of the annual events were held in Puerto Rico, two during cruises, and one in Acapulco. And because the special events chairman is so forehanded he has already finalized plans for next year and has authorized **Chironian** to announce that the Alumni Association's Eleventh Winter Seminar will be held at Mullet Bay, St. Martens, January 30 to February 5, 1994. ■



# NEWSMAKERS



## Thomas B. Graboys '70 "Hands-On Cardiologist"

Throughout 22 years of professional life, cardiologist Thomas B. Graboys, associate clinical professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, has been asking critical questions about medical management policies. One of his main concerns has been the proliferation of high tech instruments and procedures and their expanding use in cardiac care as opposed to optimum patient

management with noninvasive treatment. He has not only asked the questions; he has sought answers.

In a study published in JAMA, November 11, 1992, Tom Graboys and four colleagues at the Lown Cardiovascular Center in Brookline, MA, and Harvard Medical School concluded that about half of the coronary angiograms performed in this country are unnecessary or could be safely deferred for long periods during which less invasive tests can be used to determine a patient's status and treatment.

Dr. Graboys, director of the Lown Center, is an attending cardiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and a member of the Division of Medical Ethics at Harvard Medical School. He first worked with Bernard Lown as a fourth-year medical student at NYMC. In 1976 he joined Dr. Lown's Center and was appointed to the Harvard faculty. His work with Dr. Lown resulted in a comprehensive management approach to patients resuscitated from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Dr. Graboys' more recent work is based on assessment of patients seeking second opinions for interventions in cardiology, including catheterization, angioplasty, and coronary bypass surgery.

### Angiography Overuse

The study reported in JAMA, which made headlines in major news media, provoked lively discussion among cardiologists. Those disputing the results included the head of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of NIH and the president of the American College of Cardiology. Others strongly supported the position that the overuse of coronary angiography has contributed to the recent increase in heart bypass surgery and balloon angioplasty, despite the decline in coronary artery disease.

In an interview with *Chironian*, Tom Graboys said: "We received hundreds of letters from office based cardiologists, internists, and primary care physicians, all very supportive. Not surprisingly, the interventional cardiologists, by and large, are not happy with our results.

"Our research involved 171 patients who had been urged to undergo coronary angiography and who were motivated on their own or by an insurance company to seek a second opinion. Eighty percent of these patients were judged not to require immediate angiography, and in the nearly four-year follow-up annual

mortality was only slightly greater than one percent.

"By invitation we've presented this work at medical centers and meetings across the country. Inevitably discussion comes around to the many factors that drive the use of this technology. These include: profound economic incentives; overtraining of cardiologists and cardiovascular surgeons; a sense by the lay public that this is a 'fixit' problem cured by technological intervention; and, finally, establishment of too many catheterization labs and open heart surgical units.

"For 1992, it was estimated that more than half a million patients underwent coronary bypass graft surgery and coronary angioplasty at a cost that exceeded all appropriations for the National Institutes of Health."

Tom Graboys' decision to specialize in cardiology was a direct result of his fourth year elective with Dr. Lown. After his graduation from NYMC, where he was elected to A.O.A., he completed training in internal medicine at Boston City Hospital in 1972. From there he went on to two years of research at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks Air Force Base in Texas, where he studied the cardiovascular effects of high gravitational stress. He then held a cardiovascular fellowship at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, prior to his appointments at Harvard and the Lown Center.

### Caring for Patients as People

Closely involved in patient care, Tom views himself as a "hands-on" physician, and has also won high honors for his teaching. In 1992 he was a recipient of a Harvard Medical School Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching. Of that award a student recalled "The lesson Dr. Graboys taught me which I will never forget is about caring for patients as people. He teaches by example—taking time to listen—and this has profound lasting effect on those with whom he comes in contact." And Dr. Daniel Tosteson, the Harvard Medical School Dean, who presented the award, spoke of Tom Graboys' indisputable knowledge of cardiology and ability to communicate the concepts of his field effectively to students, and of his extraordinary sensitivity in the area of patient care.

Awarded his undergraduate degree by Cornell, he was the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Massachusetts. He has served on the editorial boards of the *New England Journal of Medicine* and the *Journal of Noninvasive Cardiology* and is the author or co-author of 150 publications and abstracts. He was for a number of years a member of the national board of Physicians for Social Responsibility and chaired the organization's Boston Chapter.

Tom Graboys is currently one of the medical editors for *Physicians' Journal*, presented weekly on the *Lifetime Cable Network*. His wife, Caroline Rigby, whom he married between his 2nd and 3rd years of medical school, is director of the Fuller Art Museum in Brockton, MA. They have two daughters, Penelope, 22, and Sarah, 19. All the members of this close family are ardent ski enthusiasts. When time permits, they thoroughly enjoy vacations together, schussing down the slopes at interesting places around the country.





## Joseph Intile '57 "Soaring Physician"

"Hollywood has Tom Cruise as its Top Gun, Oregon City has Dr. Joseph Intile, Jr. as its Top Knife," read an article published last year in the *Oregonian*, Oregon's largest newspaper.

Joseph Intile was president of the Class of '57 for his three last years at NYMC. He was president of the Student Senate in his senior year, and was honored with the Hoffman La Roche Outstanding Student Award.

After internship at Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, CO, and a three-year residency in internal medicine at Walter Reed Army

Hospital in Washington, D.C., he spent ten years on active duty in the Army, serving at various posts in the U.S. and in Korea, where he learned to speak and read the native language. He resigned his commission with the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Army medical corps in 1967.

One of his last active duty assignments was as a medical monitor for NASA'S Moon Launch—Project Apollo—and a symbolic "launch" for him into the world of solo practice in internal medicine and into the avocation of flying—a combination that he and his very admiring patients find eminently satisfactory.

For the past 24 years he has been practicing internal medicine in Oregon City. A ten-year veteran of the National Guard, he was invited last year by the Air Force to complete a two-week training program at the Air Force Fighters Flight Surgeon School, which involved flying the F-16 Falcon, one of the high performance jet fighters used in the Persian Gulf War.

"I was the first person in any branch of the Army—Active, Reserve, or National Guard—to undergo the program called 'Top Knife,' which amused my patients," Dr. Intile told *Chironian*. "I had served in the Air National Guard for seven years before transferring to the Army National Guard four years ago as a full colonel. Pilots flying this plane and other highspeed aircraft can suffer problems including abnormal heart rhythms and loss of consciousness, which can occur in tight turns, when the force of gravity is suddenly at nine times one's normal body weight and the blood flows out of the brain and into the 'butt'."

### Risky Business

Joe acknowledges that flying these jet fighters is risky, at times "scary", but he has always wanted to fly them. He first qualified to fly the F-4 Phantom and logged a total of 400 hours in that plane and the old T-33. During last year's two-week course he flew a total of eight missions. Two flight surgeons went out at a time with a pilot/instructor in the front seat. "The most fun is

when you are coming in at 180 miles an hour and are about to touch down. Then you apply full power, raise the gear, raise the flaps, climb to 2,000 feet, do a loop, and land the airplane. My wife, Patricia, says it's my Walter Mitty complex."

On his retirement from the National Guard in January 1993, Joe was honored with a "Roast and Toast" dinner that found the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court among the roasters. Since retiring, he continues to participate in a program sponsored by the Department of Defense which involves leading in-depth tours of military medical facilities in order to increase the understanding by the public, particularly employers, of the obligations of Guard and Reserve personnel.

"It's important for employers to realize that when reservists are on duty they are not on holiday, but are performing an essential service," Joe Intile said.

### Come Fly Tonight

"My work with the young people in the Guard Units has kept me young; they share their youth with me. They still come in to the office as patients. When I was active in the National Guard I flew intercept missions as a Weapons Systems Officer. It was not uncommon for Flight Operations to call my office with the request, 'Can Doc come fly tonight so we can launch the full planned mission.' My staff always made me available to fly—anytime, anywhere!"

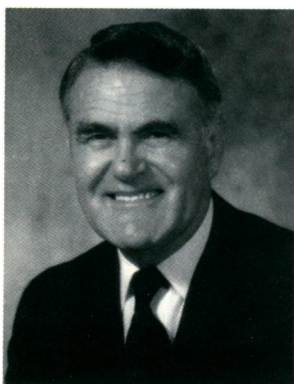
"I continue to fly my own plane, a 4-seater, single engine Piper Cherokee 235, in which Patty and I will travel to the East Coast this summer, he said."

Among his more down-to-earth interests, Joe Intile is active in a broad range of professional and community commitments. He is chairman of his State Medical Society's committee to help impaired physicians, and is active on the boards of the Alzheimer's Disease Center and Employers Support for Guard and Reserves. He is a past president of the Clackamas County Medical Society and the Oregon Society of Internal Medicine. He was also an early and effective advocate of certifying nurse practitioners and was instrumental in the passage of legislation in 1974 that enabled nurse practitioners to work independently in Oregon. Karla Jagow, R.N., A.N.P., who practices out of his clinic, holds certificate number 1 in the state of Oregon.

Joe is a Eucharistic minister and Lector in his parish church. He finds time as well for membership in the Anti-Defamation League and the American Civil Liberties Union, and is active on the board of trustees of Clackamas Community College. Among the many honors he has received he is especially proud of the award presented to him for the medical support he gave to a camp for underprivileged children over a period of nine years. Joe was married 2 1/2 years ago to Patricia Laferriere. He has three children from his first marriage, Helen, born at Flower Fifth Avenue, Don, born at Fitzsimmons, and Joe, born at Walter Reed.

"What I enjoy most these days is going home at night to our new log home in the country, with a spectacular view of Portland and the surrounding mountains and farm country. I also participate—by request only—in the lives of my three children and grandchildren. Patty and I are looking forward to putting several llamas on the property this spring so that my four grandchildren will have a special inducement to visit. At about that time, Don will receive his private pilot's license. We're all looking forward to that; it will be fun to have history repeating itself in the next generation of our family."





## John Duff '54 "The Young Athlete's Friend"

Of the 20 million youngsters currently active in sports in the United States, as many as one-third are likely to sustain some kind of injury requiring attention from a parent, a physician, or both. Orthopedic surgeon John Duff '54 has written a book designed to help prevent, identify, treat, and reduce the risk of injuries to young athletes

and to look at the effect of sports on their lives in the short range and long term.

Dr. Duff's book, entitled *Youth Sports Injuries, A Medical Handbook for Parents and Coaches*, was published by Macmillan last year. It gives a comprehensive overview of the range of problems that confront parents, coaches, trainers, schools, camps, and, of course, the young athletes themselves. He has written from the vantage point of 30 years in the profession, as founder of North Shore Sports Medicine Center in Danvers, MA, which he continues to direct today. "North Shore is one of the first sports medicine centers established in the U.S. that is still in continuous operation," its pioneering leader says with justifiable pride. John points out in a note on the opening page that the book is not intended as a substitute for the advice of a doctor, recommending that a doctor be consulted for any symptoms that may require diagnosis or medical attention.

"Two basic premises of this book—two of the elements at its core—the urgency of prevention and the importance of informed, personal responsibility for health and wellbeing, which have been basic to me for 30 years, are particularly timely today and are critical to the problem of burgeoning healthcare costs." John Duff says, adding, "I confess to being pleased that a viewpoint I've held since my earliest days in practice is now so relevant."

John Duff started working on the book in 1982 and '83. He bought a computer and handed a typist 20 years' accumulation of notes he had kept, which she set to work transcribing onto 56 floppy disks. In March 1984, he was diagnosed with colon cancer. "With a Duke C-3 lesion, surgery was performed immediately. The doctors didn't give me very good odds, so I decided to get on with the book and finish it while there was still time, as a legacy for my eight children." John worked intensively for about two years. "Then," he said, "the cancer disappeared and I finished the book at a more leisurely pace."

### Warmth and Concern

The 366-page book is divided into four major parts: "The Value and Risks of Sports for Your Child," "Reducing the Risks of Sports Injuries," "Recognizing and Treating Sports Injuries," and "The Home Reference Guide to Sports Injuries from Head to Toe," illustrated with detailed diagrams. An appendix includes two glossaries of medical terms and one of "locker room jargon" to help parents decipher terms their children may use.

Evident throughout the book is John Duff's warmth and his concern for the young people he sees on the field, in his office or

in the hospital. "My emphasis, since I am an orthopedic surgeon, is on the physical injury," he notes, "but caring for and about the whole person has always been a prime interest of mine. In dealing with teenage boys and girls it is critically important to keep their fragile personality development always in mind. We have to be mindful that this is a developing, beautiful person."

John decided on a specialty in orthopedics during a 30-month tour in the U.S. Army at Frankfurt General Hospital in Germany. "There were 250,000 military personnel and civilians stationed in the area in 1956-58: a peacetime army, drinking beer and playing football, kept us busy. We had 175 ortho beds, and with numbers of football teams playing every weekend, we had a lot of sports injuries to care for. My mentor, to my everlasting good fortune, was a remarkable orthopedist, Col. Lloyd Taylor, who taught me the very best medicine available. On my return to the States I continued my training with three years in the Lahey Clinic's orthopedic program."

### Sports Injury Risks

Among interesting facts John Duff cites in the book:

- Of the one million youngsters playing football in the U.S. each year, a very high percentage will sustain significant injuries, some leading to permanent disability.

- About ten million people in the U.S. participate in recreational downhill skiing. Every year more than 500,000 injuries are reported, almost half of them occurring to children.

- The injury risk for young gymnasts is one of the highest in sports. Despite this, gymnastics was one of the fastest growing sports of the 1980s, with about a half-million youngsters participating in local, regional and national competition.

- Little League baseball has the third highest injury rate of all sports in young athletes.

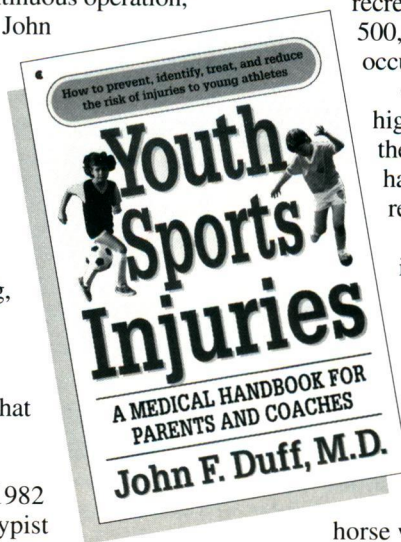
- Equestrian sports, both competitive and recreational, are ranked among the most dangerous sports, along with motorcycle and automobile racing. Despite this, more than eight million people mount a horse each year.

Inexperienced children and teenagers have the most equestrian accidents, including being kicked, thrown from a horse, or dragged by the horse while a foot is caught in the stirrup.

- Wrestling, the oldest sport in the world, is also the fastest growing in the U.S. In 1991 there were half a million young wrestlers in competition. The book warns parents about "making weight," saying that excessive weight is not treated as a sports injury but should be.

"Over the years I've given more than 200 lectures on sports injuries and sports medicine to physicians, coaches, trainers, and athletes," John says. "I told Peter Reid, the writer who worked with me on the book, that I hoped it would sound as if I were talking to parents and youngsters in my office." Readers will find that this hope has been realized; this is an absorbing, user-friendly book.

John is the third generation of his family in medicine. Both his father and his grandfather were physicians and his uncle, John Duff, was an NYMC clinical professor of urology. Now there is a fourth generation of Duffs in the profession. Gregory, one of eight children of John and his wife Estamarie Shea Duff, graduated from Harvard Medical School in June '92 and is at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine at Chapel Hill taking a residency in—you guessed it—orthopedics. ■





# Alumni/ae Gifts & Bequests:

A student's admission to medical school has been described as "the launch pad onto professional life." It is also the beginning of a compact between the individual and the institution that lasts for a lifetime and sometimes well beyond.

In granting a student admission the college performs an act of trust, expressing confidence that the person entering the M.D. program will, in later years, be a valuable member of the medical profession. This early expression of confidence is later reciprocated in the form of financial support that helps the medical school to admit and educate students in subsequent classes. Thus the compact goes forward, the cycle continues, from generation to generation.

New York Medical College graduates are generous in their reciprocity, expressing appreciation for their education through various forms of support, from responses to annual fund drives to bequests. On these pages **Chironian** presents an overview of some of the contributions alumni and alumnae have made to the College during the recent past and the uses to which they have been put, starting with a current example.

On April 19, 1993 the Alumni Association Francis D. Speer Pathology Laboratory was dedicated by the NYMC President, Reverend Harry C. Barrett, and Alumni Association President Louis E. Fierro '60. Creation of this laboratory, memorializing a much beloved former chairman and professor of clinical pathology, was the warmly supported goal of the Alumni Association's 1991-92 annual fund drive.

Recalling Dr. Speer's lasting influence on NYMC graduates of four decades, Dr. Fierro quoted from several of the yearbook dedications by which students honored him more often than any other teacher. In the *Fleur-O-Scope* of 1946, the graduating class referred to Dr. Speer's "intellectual vigor, uncompromising honesty, exceptional teaching ability, and unflagging effort in our behalf." The class of 1972 cited him "for turning hundreds of uncertain and bewildered students into competent, ethical physicians."



*A partial view of the Computer Center made possible through alumni/ae annual fund gifts.*



*A corner of the laboratory built in honor of Dr. Frank Speer, with alumni/ae support*

President Barrett spoke of the importance of "the new facilities, made possible through the kindness and generosity of the medical school alumni and alumnae, which permit the successful recruitment of new faculty with exciting research, and enhance the educational mission of the college."

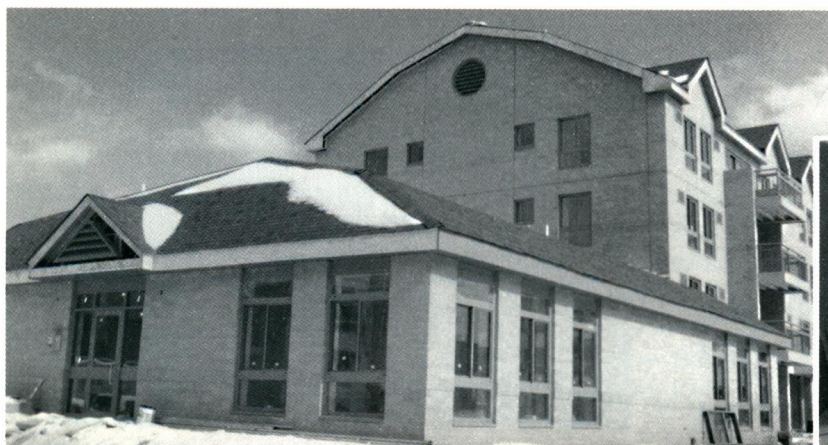
Other annual fund drives of recent years have brought about the establishment of the Computer Center, permitted the remodeling or improvement of both basic and clinical research facilities, including laboratories in the Vosburgh Pavilion, and helped support the Comparative Medicine Program. Several annual drives have augmented student scholarship funds substantially as the need of students for financial aid continues unabated.

The College's 125th anniversary celebration at the Waldorf Astoria in 1985 evoked another important response by graduates when the entire cost of that event was underwritten by alumni/ae contributions, allowing the total proceeds from the dinner to be earmarked for scholarships.

And during the past decade alumni/ae responding to telephone calls of students conducting the annual



# What Graduates' Generosity Brings to the College



*The Fitness Center donated by Noel Testa and Maureen Matturri, both '66, in honor of Noel Testa's late parents, is located in the new housing complex on the Valhalla campus, shown at left.*



*With members of the Speer family, College administration and faculty attending the ceremony dedicating the Speer Laboratory, Dr. Fierro, Reverend Barrett, and Dr. Helga Kleinberger-Speer, Dr. Speer's widow, unveiled the plaque for the new facilities.*

Phon-A-Thon have given additional scholarship aid. Phon-A-Thon proceeds are now approaching the one million dollar mark.

The opening of the Alumni Center in 1983 was in large measure made possible by the responses of graduates to annual fund campaigns devoted to that purpose. All alumni/ae who visited the Westchester campus during the past ten years know that the Center, with its beautiful furnishings and art donated by graduates and their families, is a handsome, hospitable gathering place. Besides being the headquarters of the Alumni Association, the Center accommodates College administration, faculty, and students for meetings and conferences throughout the year. Graduates attending the milestone reunions held at the Center each spring during commencement weekend have observed with obvious pleasure the results of their support, which brought an alumni/ae house to the campus for the first time in the history of the college.

Gifts in kind have also included equipment and rare volumes, and golf enthusiasts have now played in three Association-sponsored tournaments, resulting in funds for the College's library and for development of an NYMC informatics program.

Many alumni have benefited the College through an important form of giving that extends beyond the lifetime of the donor, the bequest. During the first quarter of 1993 legacies were received from the estates of two graduates, Sidney Saul Heilweil '32 and Joseph B. Keil '31. The College Administration will determine the use of Dr. Keil's unrestricted gift of \$458,000. The bequest of \$100,000 from Dr. Heilweil's estate, which came upon the

death of his wife, Elizabeth Heilweil, establishes "Sidney and Elizabeth Victory Heilweil medical scholarships for needy medical students attending the College." A legacy from the estate of Frederick R. Meeks '07 in the amount of \$860,000 was added to the College's endowment in 1987.

The late Harry Barowsky '31, a member of the Department of Medicine faculty and a governor of the Alumni Association for many years, as well as treasurer, left a bequest of \$1,000,000 to the College when he died in 1986. A portion of this gift established the Harry Barowsky Annual Lecture, which in 1993 was given by Nicholas LaRusso '69.

Gifts by current alumni/ae in memory of loved ones provide another significant method of support and can take many forms. This spring Noel Testa and Maureen Matturri, both '66, presented a gift that directly benefits the health of current medical students: they have funded the Fitness Center in the new housing complex, Grasslands II, which is being named in honor of Noel Testa's father, Nicholas Testa '33, and his mother, Liberta Testa, a graduate of Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals Nursing School, who was known to many in the College family.

In the ways outlined here and others, alumni/ae reciprocate the confidence placed in them, thereby renewing the compact and assuring the education of the next generation of physicians. ■



# COLLEGIAL CONNECTIONS

**NYMC alumni/ae and graduates of the College's residency programs in various specialties met during the fall and winter at events held on both coasts and various pleasant places in between.**

## CENTRAL NEW JERSEY

A memorable chapter event of the fall season was hosted by Alvin Glasgold '61 and his wife, Joyce, who entertained members of the Central New Jersey chapter at a dinner party in their Highland Park home on Friday evening, October 23, 1992. By all accounts this gathering, with its ambiance of warmth and collegiality, set a superb standard for the events to come.

An update on College developments, student enrollment, and admissions, by Richard Biondi, NYMC vice president for institutional advancement, evoked lively interest. Illustrated with slides, the presentation covered highlights of educational programs, research facilities, new housing, and affiliations. The dinner, the presentation, and the convivial conversation were all part of a delightful evening and the Glasgolds' hospitality was much enjoyed. ■



*Frank Clair '58, Joyce Glasgold, Frances Choper '59, Dianne Hoffman, Frank Pizzi '69.*



*Stephen Gordon '77, Alvin Glasgold '61, Miriam Gordon, Melvin Schulman '65, Wendy Schulman.*



*Margaret Van Horn, M.D. and Paul Van Horn '55.*

## DALLAS/FORT WORTH



*Julie Kubaska, Kenneth Carlson '73, Rachel Carlson, Kenneth Licker '72, Santa Claus, Kim Leh '82, Rex Parcells.*

Torrential rains nearly swept away the alumni/ae reception planned for Dallas, TX on the evening of Tuesday, November 10, 1992, but the intrepid souls who braved the deluge had a fine time. They caught up with news of colleagues and of developments at the College and even found themselves visited by Santa Claus, who had probably tired of waiting for his big night and found his way through a nearby chimney. The Texans assured Rich Biondi and Alumni Relations Director Julie Kubaska that the next time they visited in the heart of Texas both the sun and the stars would come out to welcome them. ■



## NEW YORK/NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

The Carlyle, one of New York's most gracious and welcoming hotels, was the site chosen for the New York/New Jersey chapter luncheon held on Sunday, November 22, 1992, and there was unanimous agreement that the choice had been an excellent one. The day was cloudy, with intermittent rain, a good one to stay at home, watch television, or read a good book, but the alumni and alumnae who attended the luncheon, including a number of very recent graduates, were glad they had come.

Conversation during the cocktail hour ranged from travels in interesting and exotic places to current residencies and mid-career professional changes or augmentation. Marie Casalino '67 reported that after 15 years in neonatology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine she had taken an M.P.H. degree at Columbia University. She now works in the Family Health Service of New York City's Department of Health, still in her field of maternal and child health, and is enjoying the broader scope. Noel Testa '66, who is a clinical professor of orthopedic surgery at New York University Medical School, is currently taking courses toward the degree, Master of Medical Management, at the Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service.

Welcoming remarks by Alumni Association President Louis Fierro and a slide presentation by Richard Biondi, vice president for institutional advancement followed the lunch. Lou Fierro commented that in meeting young graduates at events like the present one he was finding a bonus of his service as president—a new vocabulary and new jokes. He spoke of the College President, Rev. Harry C. Barrett, describing him as a splendid communicator who had already struck a resonant chord in his meetings with College faculty and students, adding that he has expressed admiration for the caliber of the NYMC graduates. (President Barrett's inauguration is covered in a separate article in this issue.) ■



*James McGroarty '68, Jane McGroarty, Louis Fierro '60.*



*Jean Cacciabauda '90, William Maiorano '89, Ellen Katchis, Stuart Katchis '86, Chris Riegler '88, Albert Dauro '87.*



*Rebecca Fierro, Louis Fierro '60, Ruth Oliver, Executive Editor, Chironian.*



*Marie Casalino '67, Noel Testa '66, Maureen Matturri '66.*



*Kathy Antonelle, Michael Antonelle '62, Joseph Dello Russo '62, Jeff Dello Russo, Stephanie Dello Russo.*



## NEW ORLEANS

On Sunday, October 11th, New Orleans area alumni and alumnae gathered for brunch at the Bella Luna restaurant on the Mississippi River. Clifford Ameduri '75, who coordinated the luncheon, spoke enthusiastically to **Chironian** about the gathering and the prospects for healthy development of an area chapter. He noted that "this is an excellent place for medical practice with a number of fine graduates of our medical school situated here."



On Tuesday evening, October 13th, the NYMC Surgical Society and the College hosted alumni/ae and former surgical residents at a reception at the Marriott Hotel held in conjunction with the 1992 annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons. This event was the first of its kind, with Surgery Department Chairman Louis Del Guercio, Rich Biondi, and an impressive roster of graduates and former residents in attendance. Among the alumni was Pasquale Ciaglia '38, who came from Utica, NY, with his wife. He is marking the 55th anniversary of his Medical College graduation this year and is clearly a splendid role model.



Alan Ostrowe '66, Julie Kubaska, Director of Alumni Relations, Clifford Ameduri '75, Artheria Ameduri, Richard Biondi, Susan Vogel '76, Robert Bermudez.



Kirk Kazarian '61, Joseph Flack '80, Cathy McDermott, Kelly McDermott (8 months old), Joseph McDermott '88, Kelly's proud father!

Douglas Woodburn '83,  
Joan Weiss,  
Bernard Weiss '51.



Lee Ann Sprance '85,  
Jeffery Spillane '85,  
Janice Beekman.



Paula Del Guercio, Louis Del Guercio, M.D.,  
NYMC Chairman of Surgery, Jan De Angelis,  
John De Angelis '57, Saverio Bentivegna '50,  
Cathy Bentivegna.



Gene Cayten '66, Jacqueline Ciaglia, Pasquale Ciaglia '38, John Savino, M.D..



## SAN FRANCISCO

And, moving on to the West Coast and into the new year, on Friday evening, February 19, 1993, the College held its second annual reception in conjunction with the meeting of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, this time at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco. NYMC alumni/ae of 15 classes, from 1952 to 1988, joined colleagues who had been residents in the NYMC postgraduate training program. Along with Rich Biondi, they brought others up to date on developments at the medical college, and raised a glass to the pleasures of reconnecting with friends. ■



*William Walsh, Jr. '64, Lisa Nason, M.D., Stuart Green '67, Robert Kane '65. Dr. Nason is an orthopaedic resident at Westchester County Medical Center.*



*William McGann '71, James Lee '65, Philip Fontanetta '73.*



*Lester Borden '69, Ralph Bloch '58, Theodore Rodgers '51, Ruth Rodgers, Alta Goalwin '51.*



**For information about upcoming events in your area  
or your speciality involving NYMC graduates or former  
residents write Julie Kubaska, Director of Alumni Relations,  
New York Medical College, Alumni Center, Valhalla, NY 10595  
or call 914-993-4555.**



# "Mid Pleasures and Palaces:"

## *New Student Housing is "Home Sweet Home"*

**T**wo major additions to student housing, one in Westchester, the other in Manhattan, are offering pleasant solutions to the nettlesome problem of where to live that can loom large during medical school years.

Students in the Class of '97, entering the medical university in July '93, will have the distinction, and all signs suggest, the distinct pleasure, of occupying brand new housing now being completed on the Westchester campus. And a high-rise building recently purchased by NYMC on East 95th Street in Manhattan is accommodating a number of upper-class students, as well as faculty, staff, and residents.

The new complex of five four-story buildings at Valhalla is designed to provide living quarters for 310 students. These apartments, called Grasslands II, combined with Grasslands I, the campus housing built by the College in 1976, will accommodate all who wish this type of housing, some 500 students.

The three- and four-bedroom suites in the new complex will include a kitchen, a living/dining area that opens onto a balcony, and two full bathrooms. Each student will have a private bedroom and will share the common areas—kitchen and living/dining room—and one of the two bathrooms.

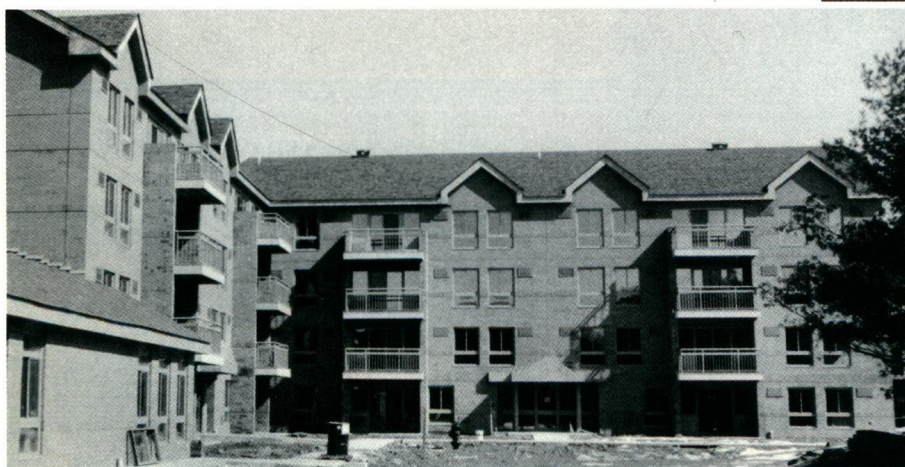
Rent in Grassland II will be \$425 per month per person, whether in a three- or four-bedroom suite. Apartments are fully furnished, and the cost of utilities is included in the rent. The determination of occupancy is by lottery, but the ground floor of each building will be accessible to the handicapped and allocated as needed.

A new student center, close to the new apartment complex, will include an exercise room with Nautilus and Universal equipment, lifecycles, Stairmasters and treadmills, as well as study facilities. (See page 11.)

The description of the new campus housing reads "each bedroom has an outlet that allows hooking up a personal computer to the college network." (Remember when an electronic portable typewriter was state-of-the-art and a student's room with space for a very small desk was considered luxurious?)

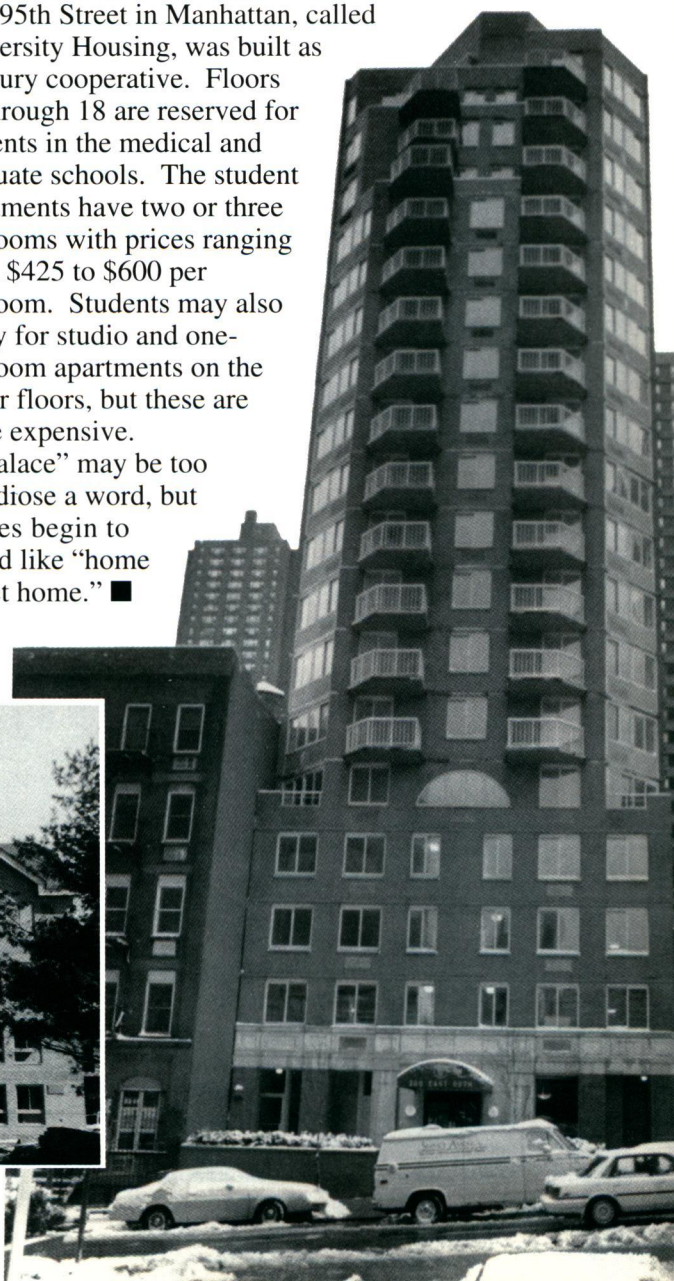
The building the College bought at 206 East 95th Street in Manhattan, called University Housing, was built as a luxury cooperative. Floors 10 through 18 are reserved for students in the medical and graduate schools. The student apartments have two or three bedrooms with prices ranging from \$425 to \$600 per bedroom. Students may also apply for studio and one-bedroom apartments on the lower floors, but these are more expensive.

"Palace" may be too grandiose a word, but it does begin to sound like "home sweet home." ■



*A view of Grasslands II, the new student housing on the Valhalla campus, as it was being completed.*

*Front view of University Housing, NYMC's 18-story residence on Manhattan's upper East Side.*





# Class Notes

The symbol **REUNION** signifies a five-year "milestone" class for which a reunion will be held on Sunday, May 23 at The Alumni Center.

## 1930

**HENRY WOLLENWEBER** writes that he enjoys hearing about the tremendous progress NYMC has made, adding, "I'm proud to be an alumnus. Regards to all."

**BENJAMIN ROSENTHAL** and **ELIZABETH WILEN** ('31) are in good health and happy in their retirement in Tampa. Elizabeth writes, "We greet our classmates of 1930 and 1931 and wish them well."

## 1933

**HAROLD EIDINOFF**, **GEORGE STIVALA**, and **CHARLOTTE YUDELL** took note of their 60th anniversary. George Stivala, who is spending the winter in Florida with his wife, Rosella, is always ready for a class reunion, and Harold Eidinoff and Charlotte Yudell also express enthusiasm about getting together with classmates. Charlotte Yudell reports that she is only semi-retired, still practicing after 57 years. Her specialty is psychotherapy.

## 1936

**JOSEPH BUDETTI** says with astonishing good cheer: "Hi, came through O.K. in Hurricane Andrew in Florida and a forest fire in California, both in the same month."

**ROLAND ROECKER** wrote that he finally retired from psychiatry at age 79. "It's a pleasure to ignore all the regulations." He adds, "Would like to get in touch with Francis (Frank) X. di Fabio."

## 1937

**NICHOLAS KNOX**, who has retired, had been in general practice and on staff at several area hospitals. In his note he said that during World War II he had been in the first beach party at Normandy, going in on the fifth wave. He wrote, "We got four battle stars and a Presidential Citation." (A memorable experience, for sure.)

## 1938

**FRANCIS GAGLIARDI**, semi-retired now, writes that he is "in good health and spirits and still practicing psychiatry. Would love to hear from any classmates."

## 1939

**ROSARIO GUALTIERI** retired December 31, 1986. He would like to hear from classmates about attending the Alumni/ae banquet and the possibility of a reunion before or after the banquet.

**RALPH RAGOSTA** has retired from his general practice. He lives in Salisbury, MD.

## 1940

**ARDOW AMEDURI, SR.**, who attended the 50-year reunion of the class in 1990, sends greetings to **HUNTER HARRIS**, **VIN LODICO**, **ROGER SHERMAN**, **JOE SORRENTINO**, **ANNIE STRAX ROBBINS**, **IRV WECKSELL**, **FIDELE BONITO** and **FRANK PINTAURO**. He looks forward to seeing them and others of the class at another reunion.

## 1941

**WILLIAM HEWES** continues his practice as a psychiatric consultant to a drug and alcohol recovery center and in free time plays golf and travels. He adds that he would like to hear from any of his classmates.

**HENRY P. LEIS, JR.**, NYMC professor emeritus of surgery and emeritus chief of the breast service at NYMC in Valhalla, as well as clinical professor of surgery and honorary director of the Breast

Center at U of South Carolina School of Medicine, has been named one of the 400 best cancer surgeons in America in the October '92 issue of Good Housekeeping magazine. The 400 were selected from a list of 7,000, based on interviews with 350 department chairmen in major hospitals and comprehensive cancer centers nationwide.

## 1943

**MORRIS BASS** and his wife, Marilyn, who live in So. Orange, NJ, attended the New York/New Jersey Chapter luncheon at the Carlyle Hotel in Manhattan. Morris Bass is now retired.

**BEATRICE DI MARCO** has retired. She lives in Annapolis, MD.

**VINCENT CATANZARO** writes that he would like to hear from classmates.

**HAROLD GORDON** has retired but continues to keep his "oar in" by maintaining his CME credits and through part-time work doing peer review and quality assurance. He now leads a bi-coastal life, spending the fall and winter in Santa Cruz, CA, and the spring and summer in Southold, NY.

**JEANNE SMITH** looks forward to attending the 50-year anniversary observances of the class this spring. She writes that she spent six weeks in Indonesia last summer giving invited lectures and will be returning in the coming summer, again by invitation.

**VICTOR TCHERTKOFF**, professor of pathology at NYMC and director of laboratories at Metropolitan Hospital Center, was honored by Metropolitan's Medical Board at their annual dinner, held at the Tavern On the Green in New York. Dr. Tchertkoff was recognized by the Medical Board for the more than 35 years of distinguished service he has performed at "Met."

## 1944

**DAVID SCHWIMMER** has earned a second degree, Master of Medical Sciences in Internal Medicine from the NYMC Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences.

## 1945

**DONALD GRAVES** is semi-retired from his practice in family medicine, but is "working in the health department and special N.H." He writes that he has five children; one daughter is a physician and one is a nurse. He also has 16 grandchildren.

## 1946

**FORRIS CHICK** has retired. He lives in Nokomis, FL.

## 1947

**JAMES DUNN** writes that he enjoyed the 45th reunion of the class last year and now looks forward to the 50th. "Thanks to the efforts of Herb Eskwitt it was a great weekend," he concludes.

## 1948

**EDWARD BOWEN, JR.**, **ROBERT EGGE**, **EDWARD FRIEDMAN, JR.** and **WILLIAM REID** have retired.

**MARJORIE BUTLER** writes: "Hello to all my classmates . . . who continue to be as handsome as you all were in 1948." She adds word of "two outstanding events of the year 1992, the birth of our seventh grandchild," who, she said, is "a boy, born to our younger daughter, the Federal public defender and John, the engineer father." Her second special pleasure is her "Town & Country Chrysler mini van, plum with wood side paneling, complete with an electric lift for my fully assembled three-wheeled motorized scooter. Yeah! I may not be able

**50-Year  
REUNION**

**60-Year  
REUNION**

**55-Year  
REUNION**

**45-Year  
REUNION**



to soar with eagles, but the freedom is great and wings get stronger." She concluded with wishes of good luck and health to all.

**WAYNE WEISNER** writes that he still practices psychiatry in Great Neck, NY. He and his wife have seven children and twelve grandchildren. He adds: "NYMC is still the best in the world. Many thanks."

#### 1949

**ROBERT DUNN**, who specialized in internal medicine and cardiology, has retired with emeritus status from the staff of Chilton Memorial Hospital. He is past chairman of the Hospital Board and continues as chairman of the Chilton Corporate Board.

#### 1950

**SAVERIO BENTIVEGNA** has been reelected a member of the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the ACS committees on surgical practice and surgical education.

**DAVID PLOTKIN** is semi-retired. He spends time in Highland Beach, FL, and Fire Island, NY, and does occasional *locum tenens* all across the U.S. saying that he is "having a wonderful time." He sends his best to all his classmates.

**BERNARD WETCHLER** was elected chairman of the executive committee of the World Federation of Societies of Anesthesiologists at the World Congress of Anesthesiologists held in The Hague, Netherlands, in June '92. He also serves on the board of directors of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. Dr. Wetchler is currently director of the departments of anesthesia and ambulatory surgery at Methodist Medical Center of Illinois in Peoria, Illinois, and clinical professor and chief of the division of anesthesia at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria. The second edition of his book, *Anesthesia for Ambulatory Surgery*, was published by J.B. Lippincott in 1991.

#### 1951

**MATTHEW BEN-LESSER** reports that he has spent the past ten years in southern Oregon and spent 20 years before that in Albuquerque, NM. He is now retiring from his practice of diagnostic radiology, and looks forward "to new adventures including going back to college at Southern Oregon State in Ashland to pursue several interests." He adds, "I'd be interested in hearing from any classmates in the area."

**WALTER CHEMRIS** retired in December 1990 and is busy with family, golf, and fishing. He lives in Ridgewood, NJ, and says he still has his hand in allergy as an instructor of fellows in the clinic at New Jersey Medical School. Further plans include travel, playing with his first grandchild, and more.

**JOHN VAGELL** wrote that he still works part-time in the O.P.D. of Manchester Memorial Hospital in Connecticut, adding that he had "received a call from classmate **Charlie Robbins**, who lives in Middletown, CT. Charlie is still running marathons and is also semi-retired."

#### 1952

**ALFRED LEVIN** wrote "I was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of my friend and classmate, **PAUL TARTELL**. We are all diminished by his untimely death."

#### 1953

**JOSEPH DAVIS** is president-elect of the New York County Medical Society. He is director of the clinical review programs of Cabrini Medical Center and clinical professor of urology at NYU School of Medicine.

**BURTON KRUMHOLZ** was appointed acting chairman of the Department of Ob/Gyn at Long Island Jewish Center in New Hyde Park, NY, effective October 1992.

**MITCHELL PINCUS** retired from active practice of ob/gyn at the close of 1992. He lives in Edina, MN.

#### 1954

**SANFORD ANZEL** is president-elect of the California Orthopedic Association.

**PAUL PALMER**, clinical professor of medicine at the SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse, was honored at a faculty convocation in September '92 with a President's Award for Voluntary Faculty Service. The citation pointed out that "he embodies the spirit and sense of a true family physician. His influence as a person and a physician has not only encouraged young people in our region to enter medicine as a career, but family medicine as a specialty." Dr. Palmer has been teaching medical students and residents for over 30 years. He chairs the family medicine department at Community-General Hospital and directs the family practice residency program. A fellow of the American Academy of Family Practice, he is a charter diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice, and has been recertified four times.

**DAVID TAYLOR** has retired from pediatric practice in Bernardsville, NJ, where he continues to live.

#### 1955

**ANITA CURRAN-SMITH** is assistant dean for clinical affairs at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, UMDNJ, in New Brunswick, NJ. She has been elected chair of the ACGME's residency review committee's council of chairs for a term of up to two years that began in February '92. She is also executive director of the Eric B. Chandler Health Center in New Brunswick, and is responsible for a number of programs that provide affordable health care to the medically underserved.

**MARTIN NORTON** is a professor of anesthesiology at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, MI. His work with the Difficult Airway Clinic of the Department of Anesthesiology was recognized by the American College of Physician Executives at their 1992 national awards program.

#### 1956

**DONALD BRADLEY** says the children are all raised and the three grandchildren are fine. He is semi-retired: "Have been doing locum tenens in anesthesiology all over the map—Africa, Haiti, South Pacific and both East and West coasts of U.S. NYMC certainly well represented. Always seem to run into someone from old Flower and Fifth." He concludes, "Gotta go now and catch the next plane!"

**SAM KNAPPENBERGER**, now retired from his urology practice, is chairman of the board of directors at St. Bernardine Medical Center in San Bernardino, CA, and spends winters in Indian Wells, CA, where he enjoys playing golf.

**EDGAR LASTING** continues to be active in family practice. He wrote that two of his sons were married last year, one of whom, **Robert**, graduated in the NYMC Class of '84.

**JAMES LEACH** writes that he is "working part time at the hospital in radiology and doing a full load of ultrasound and mammography." He adds, "We now have nine grandchildren, and enjoy traveling, golf, and gardening."

**PHILIP LEVY** is president-elect of the California Association of Ophthalmology. He is professor of clinical ophthalmology at UC-Davis School of Medicine, councillor of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, recipient of the outstanding teaching award and William Ellery Briggs award of UC-Davis and serves on the scientific advisory panel of the California Medical Association. His daughter, Amy, was married to Scott Meader in September '92.

**JAMES MOONEY** is retired from North American Philips Corporation in New York City except for consulting in occupational medicine.

**Ronald Pion** writes that he is on the Board of Directors of the Abbey Healthcare Group, Inc. and adds that one of its divisions serves the needs of patients at home.

**40-Year  
REUNION**



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## 1957

**MARK ANAPOELL** writes that his son William is a first year resident at NYMC-WCMC.

**CHARLES ASWAD**, recipient of the Alumni Association's Medal of Honor for 1992 (See Newsmakers, Vol. 109, Fall 1992) was elected speaker of the Congress of Delegates of the American Academy of Family Physicians during the Congress' meeting in October 1992. The Congress of Delegates is the governing body of AAFP, which represents nearly 74,000 family physicians and medical students. Charles is a fellow of the AAFP and a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice, the certifying entity of the family practice specialty. He is also immediate past president of the Medical Society of the State of New York.

**JOHN DEANGELIS** has been reappointed a governor of the American College of Surgeons' Long Island Chapter for a second three-year term.

**STANLEY GROSSMAN** says that his son Marc is applying to NYMC and that if admitted he would represent the third generation of the family. His grandfather, **MATTHEW WARPICK**, NYMC '27, is still practicing at the age of 91.

**LUCY HERNREID** has lived in Phoenix, AZ for the past 34 years. She practices pediatric pulmonology at Phoenix Children's Hospital. Her husband, an internist, died in 1987. She has two grown sons, one of whom is completing a residency in internal medicine.

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## 35-Year REUNION

## 1958

**FRED HAGERTY** retired in December 1991, having taken in a young ophthalmologist as an associate in June. He has four grandchildren to date and looks forward to summers on Long Beach, NJ.

**ROGER SMITH** stepped down in 1991 as chairman of the Department of Pathology at the University of Cincinnati and continues as a professor on the active full-time faculty.

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## 1959

**HAROLD ENGELKE** reports that he has been on the MADD Board of Directors since 1991 and that Jane is president of the Eastern Connecticut Chapter. He is still chairman of the Ambulatory Care Department of Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London, with retirement in sight. He adds, "Our eight grandchildren, in Connecticut, and Texas, are a continuous source of joy to us."

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## 1960

**JOHN DUFFY**, who served as assistant surgeon general under Dr. C. Everett Koop, the former U.S. Surgeon General, is now associate director of the new C. Everett Koop Institute at Dartmouth College and assistant dean for admissions at Dartmouth Medical School. The Institute is described as "a partnership of educators, scholars, researchers, and physicians in practice, with educational programs that address critical issues in health care."

**RONALD HARTMAN** wrote last spring to say that he had just been notified of his promotion from associate clinical professor to clinical professor of ophthalmology at the University of California, Irvine. In addition, he wrote that his son, Carl, has joined him in his practice and "has delighted me by presenting me with a beautiful granddaughter." Another of his four sons graduated from Tulane Medical School and is now in the residency program for orthopedic surgery at the University of New Mexico. He added, "the Southern California chapter reunion was wonderful and it was great to see classmates of our great school."

**CARL MARCHETTI** has been elected president of the Regional Health Planning Council of the New Jersey Shore and is an appointed member of the State Health Planning Board of New Jersey.

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## 1961

**JOHN DE FILIPPI** and his wife, Pam, are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild, Nicholas De Filippi. Their son, Dr. Vincent Filippi, is now doing general surgery at the University of Chicago

and will go to New York Hospital-Cornell in 1994 for cardiothoracic surgery. Their daughter, Donna, is in her final year of training at Columbia University School of Nursing in New York, working toward a master's degree as a certified, registered nurse-anesthetist.

**EARL DI PIRRO** is chief of plastic and reconstructive surgery at Englewood Hospital Medical Center in Englewood, NJ.

**IRA GLICK** writes: "Michelle Pfeiffer and Al Pacino appeared with Ira Glick in Paramount's Frankie and Johnnie." Ira reports that "multimillion dollar offers are pouring in," but admits that several classmates have told him it took, at a minimum, three VCR rewinds to catch his lines!

**HOWARD HARRISON** stopped surgery in 1988 and is doing office practice in Lowell, MA.

**NEIL KURTZMAN** was elected president of the National Kidney Foundation, Inc. during the organization's 42nd annual meeting, held in Baltimore in November 1992. Neil is Arnett Professor of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at Texas Tech University School of Medicine in Lubbock, Texas. He is also editor of *Seminars in Nephrology* and associate editor of the *American Journal of Nephrology*.

**EDWIN STEMLER** and his wife of 35 years are fine in Palm Springs, CA. His son graduated from law school after practicing as a CPA and his daughter has been accepted for a program in special education at U.N.L.V.

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## 1962

**HENRY ABRAMS** is a governor of the American College of Surgeons and serves on the socio-economic committee.

**WILLIAM MCCANN**, who holds an M.P.H. degree as well as the M.D., practices medicine in Bronxville, NY, where he is on the medical board of Lawrence Hospital and is actively involved in utilization review. He wrote that his wife, Dr. Joan McCann, has been cited by the Scarsdale Board of Education and the Japanese Government for her work at Fox Meadow School. The note to **LOU FIERRO** with which he enclosed his dues check read, "Best wishes for continued success and strong leadership of the Alumni Association."

**BARRY MELTZER** completed six years as chief of ob/gyn at Jordan Hospital in Plymouth, MA. He wrote that during his chairmanship the hospital opened a long-needed LDRP obstetrics unit, and that within two years of its opening the number of deliveries has increased from 750 to 1,000.

**EDWARD UMGELTER** writes that he has worked as a general surgeon for Southern California Permanente Medical Group for 18 years. He and his wife, Debbie, have a 21-month-old daughter, Hilary, born at Kaiser Hospital, who is "lots of joy."

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## 30-Year REUNION

## 1963

**STEVEN FRIER** is president of the staff and chief of nephrology at Englewood Hospital Medical Center in Englewood, NJ. He and his wife have a son, Dan.

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## 1965

**RICHARD ALLEN**, a Portland ob/gyn, was the Oregon Medical Association's "1992 Doctor Citizen of the Year" in honor of his outstanding contributions to the community. The citation read: "He is a vocal supporter of the Oregon Health Plan, the state's Medicaid reform plan, and was appointed by then Governor Goldschmidt to serve on a commission that led to its development." Dr. Allen is a past president of the Oregon Medical Association and the Multnomah County Medical Society, and was president of the Oregon Ob/Gyn Society. He is a delegate to the AMA.

**BARBARA BESS** assumes the presidency of the New York County District Branch of the American Psychiatric Association in May, 1993.



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## 1966

**MORRIS COHEN** writes that he has moved his practice to Aspen, CO, where he specializes in internal and nuclear medicine and cardiovascular diseases.

**STEVEN WEISSBERG** wrote in September '92, "We were hit pretty hard by Hurricane Andrew and suffered extensive damage to our home. Thank goodness the family are safe and well. We send thanks to our friends who expressed their concern. It was quite a rebuilding effort."

## 1967

**NORMAN CAGIN** reports the birth of a daughter, Julie Elisabeth, on June 1, 1992. He is an associate clinical professor at Columbia P&S and an attending at St. Luke's-Roosevelt, specializing in cardiovascular diseases.

**C. GENE CAYTEN** is director of surgery at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center and director of the Institute for Trauma and Emergency Care at NYMC. He is also an editor of the 3rd edition of *Principles and Practice of Emergency Medicine*.

**ELIOT MORSE** was appointed director of radiology at Mary Immaculate Hospital in Jamaica, NY, effective March 1, '92.

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## 25-Year REUNION

## 1968

**KENNETH COHN** and his wife, Joan, are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

## 1969

**MARK ROSENBLUM** is now chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at Henry Ford Health Sciences Center in Detroit, MI, an affiliate of Case Western Reserve University. He is also director of the Midwest Neurooncology Center and the Neurosurgery Residency Training Program at Ford. Mark has been honored with the Distinguished Service Award of the Joint Section on Tumors of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress of Neurological Surgery.

## 1970

**BRYAN UPDEGRAFF** practices dermatology in Phoenix, AZ. He is married, with two children.

## 1971

**KENNETH BURRESS** attended a local gathering of alumni in Irvine, CA, last year, hosted by **BEN COX** '58, and wrote: "My wife, Maureen, and I enjoyed seeing NYMC graduates who had drifted west."

**FRANK CHIEU** sends word that he and his wife, Barbara, have two lovely daughters, Melanie, 15, and Tiffany, 7. Frank, whose specialty is nephrology, was chief of staff at St. John's Regional Medical Center for 1992. He wrote that St. John's moved into a brand new facility in October '92, making it the newest hospital in California.

**KATHLEEN NELSON** is professor of pediatrics and director of general pediatrics at the U. of Alabama School of Medicine. She is also immediate past president of the Ambulatory Pediatric Association.

## 1972

**ALEXANDER BRUCKER** was elected president of the Macula Society for a two-year term that continues until February '94. He is chief of the retina and vitreous service of the Department of Ophthalmology of the U. of P. School of Medicine at Scheie Institute, Philadelphia. According to the Institute, membership in the Society is limited to sub-specialists who are major contributors to the advancement of knowledge about macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and related conditions.

**BETH SEELIG** is now in Atlanta, GA, where she is a training and supervising psychoanalyst at the Psychoanalytic Institute of Emory University. She is also director of the O.P. psychotherapy training program of the university's School of Medicine and director of adult psychiatry consultation liaison at Grady Memorial Hospital.

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## 20-Year REUNION

## 1973

**JOSEPH CLEARY** continues his practice and research at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York. His research concerns diagnosis of breast cancer using optical technology. He reported that a committee was being formed for the 20-year reunion of the Class.

**CHRISTOPHER NOGEIRE** is an oncologist on the staff of St. Vincent's, Meridian Park, and Willamette Falls hospitals in Tualatin, OR, and chief of medicine at Willamette Falls. He and his wife, Mary, have four children. They will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in September.

## 1974

**STEVEN WEINSTOCK** was board certified in I.M. and G.I. in 1979. After completing a G.I. fellowship at UCLA-Wadsworth, he began practice in the South Bay area of Los Angeles. He and his wife, Shelley, have three children: Amiel, 18, Sarah, 16, and Georgette, 13.

## 1975

**NICHOLAS BONVICINO** is associate medical director of the Garden State Medical Group, which operates three multispecialty health centers in northern New Jersey in affiliation with a group model HMO. He writes: "Physicians who may be interested in this type of practice should send their CVs to me at One Sears Drive, Paramus, NJ 07652."

**CHARLES COLBY** writes that a new daughter, Sarah Whitney Colby, joined her 10-year-old sister, Christy, in June '92.

**ROBERT DAWE** is in the private practice of orthopedic surgery, with primary interest in spine and pediatric problems. He has been a faculty member of the Yale School of Medicine for eight years.

**CATHERINE DUNN** is busy with her work as a child psychiatrist at a mental health center in Seattle as well as with her 10- and 8-year-old daughters and her husband, Ted Poprocki, a neuroradiologist. She reports that she met **DOROTHY YANG**, who is a dermatologist, also in Seattle, at a coastal resort.

**MARK SILETCHNIK** is chief of the Ob/Gyn department at Womack Army Medical Center in Ft. Bragg, NC.

**EDWARD SWIBINSKI** was elected secretary-treasurer of the Philadelphia Endocrine Society for 1992-93.

## 1976

**JEFFREY BEHRENS** has passed the certifying examination in geriatrics given by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

**SAMUEL KAHNOWITZ** and his wife now have three children, the youngest, Michael Alexander, having been born in December '91.

**ROBERT KLEIN** has been appointed assistant clinical professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Columbia P. & S. He is currently president-elect of the New Jersey Allergy/Immunology Society.

**RENEE RINALDI** practices rheumatology in Beverly Hills. She and her husband, Kenneth Ballard, have three children, ages 8, 6, and 2.

**VINCENT VIGORITA** is married to Patricia Jordon. They have a son, Vincent Weddey Vigorita, born in October '92.

## 1977

**ROSEANNE BERGER** has been appointed associate dean of graduate medical education at SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

**LLOYD HASKELL** is now with Astra Pharmaceutical Company in Westboro, MA, and is involved in cardiovascular, respiratory, and G.I. drug development.



**STUART HOCHRON** graduated from Rutgers Law School in 1992 and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar as an attorney. He plans to combine the practice of medicine and law by representing physician groups and individual doctors in health care matters. He emphasizes that he "will continue full time pulmonary medicine practice."

**STUART KAUFMAN** writes that he is the founder and medical director of the Florida Eyecare and Cataract Centers, and that he lives in Tampa with his wife, Debby, and their children, Jonathan, 9, and Jaclyn, 7.

## 1978

**JOSEPH MERLINO** was awarded a Master of Public Administration degree from Baruch College of CUNY in June '92. He is assistant director of psychiatry at Lenox Hill Hospital.

**GARY ONIK** has been appointed professor of neurosurgery at the Medical College of Pennsylvania.

## 1979

**CARY GLASTEIN** reports that he was elected to membership in the Cervical Spine Research Society at its meeting in Palm Desert, CA, in December '92, and presented a paper.

**ROBERT KERN**, CDR MC USN, was elected vice chairman of the Navy Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) for a three-year term effective November '92. He will represent ACOG fellows in ob/gyn who are presently serving in the U.S. Navy. He is a teaching staff physician for the Navy family practice residency program at Bremerton Naval Hospital. Formerly chairman of ob/gyn and director of surgical services at the Naval Hospital, Cherry Point, NC, he served on the Task Force for Child Abuse for Craven County, NC, during 1991.

**MARK SINNREICH**, whose specialty is orthopedic surgery, writes that he was promoted to adjunct associate professor at the University of Miami.

## 1980

**REGINA GIUFFRIDA** is a board certified obstetrician/gynecologist with offices in Yorktown Heights and Mount Kisco, NY, practicing out of Northern Westchester Hospital. She has three children, Kaitlin, age 8, Joe, age 7, and Patrick, born in August '92. She would love to hear from classmates.

**EDWIN GUZMAN** is assistant professor of clinical ob/gyn at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, NJ.

**CARL STAMM** completed a G.I. fellowship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 1990. He resigned from the Army as a lieutenant colonel in July '92 to establish solo practice as a Carolina mountain digestive and liver disease specialist in Hendersonville, NC.

**LINDA WASE**, who is a board certified internist, has been appointed vice president, scientific affairs and medical director of Lederle Laboratories. She will be responsible for medical development within Lederle Laboratories. She was previously with Bristol Myers Squibb as a vice president and with E. R. Squibb as medical director. She is an assistant clinical professor of medicine at Columbia P. & S.

## 1981

**LORRAINE DRISCOLL** writes that she has opened a new office for the practice of ob/gyn at 9 Lincoln Avenue in Rutherford, NJ.

**LENORA FELDERMAN** is in private practice of dermatology in Manhattan. She has two children, Alexander, 5, and Jonathan, 2.

**MICHAEL INNERFIELD** is an invasive cardiologist in Rockland County, NY, and is on the teaching staff of Mt. Sinai Medical School in New York, in the division of critical care. He writes: "I am saddened at the loss of our classmate, **DAN PACK**. We will all miss him."

## 15-Year REUNION

## 1982

**HARRIET DICKENSON** and **ROSALIND BOWLES** are working together at the New York City Transit Authority Medical Services.

**SCOTT GORDON** and **DIANNE ZULOW** are married and have three children: Harrison, Traci, and Cherilyn. Scott and Dianne are in private practice in orthopedic surgery and cardiology, respectively, in Orlando/Kissimmee, FL.

**ARMAND LEONE, JR.** recently graduated from Columbia Law School and is practicing healthcare related law at a firm with offices in New York City and Paramus, NJ.

**JOSEPH LOBL** writes that he has returned to Rochester, MN, after spending four years in the Public Health Service in Fairmount, WVA. He reports that he is "practicing full time in the Emergency Medical Services at Mayo Clinic," adding, "Robin and I have two beautiful girls, Jessica, 5, and Adrienne, 4."

**HECTOR ORTIZ** would like to say hello to all his old buddies who finished Fifth Pathway at St. Vincent's Hospital in Staten Island in 1982.

**VINCENT PANELLA** and his wife, Donalynn, were expecting their first child in January '93. He practices G.I. in Englewood, NJ.

**BRIAN SOLOW** reported the birth of their second child, Brett Evan, in April '92. He enjoyed spending time with classmate and former housemate **HOWARD QUENTZEL** and his family while Howard was in southern California for an I.D. convention. Brian is in family practice, and is on the UC-Irvine faculty. Howard is chief of I. D. at Griffin Hospital, a Yale affiliate in Derby, CT.

## 10-Year REUNION

## 1983

**DUANE AUSTIN** and his wife, Arlene, report the birth of their first child, Christine Elizabeth, in August '92.

**JOHN COSGROVE** has joined the surgical faculty of SUNY-Brooklyn. His responsibilities include development of a surgical endoscopy program for the university hospital and Kings County Hospital Center.

**DEBORAH FRIED** wrote that she "teaches psych residents at Yale, works in a community mental health clinic, conducts a small private practice and does psychotherapy research."

**ADELAIDE NARDONE** has three sons and practices ob/gyn in Mt. Kisco, NY.

**ROBERT TASH** reported that since finishing a neuroradiology fellowship at Yale-New Haven Hospital in '89, he has been practicing radiology at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, NY. He also holds teaching appointments at both NYMC and Yale School of Medicine. He has been married for two years to Denise Leslie, M.D., a neuroradiologist at WCMC.

## 1984

**JOSEPH CERVIA** is director of the program for children with AIDS at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. He has been appointed assistant professor of pediatrics and medicine at Cornell Medical College.

**DAVID CHARNOCK** returned from Guam in September '92, having completed his naval service as a lieutenant commander at the Naval Hospital there. He has joined a private practice, Mid-Vermont ENT, in Rutland, VT. Board certified in otolaryngology, he has special interest in facial plastics and reconstructive surgery. He and Julie are enjoying New England life with their sons, Robert and David, and their daughter, Kristina, who was born in the fall of '91 on Guam, where David was the only ENT at the Naval Hospital, which is the only major medical center in the Western Pacific.

**DENNIS MCGILL** is working in the Emergency Department at



Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ.

**WILLIAM VARR III**, his wife, Dianne, and their three daughters, Elizabeth, and twins Meredith and Alaina, now live in Warwick, RI. Bill, board certified in ophthalmology, has entered private practice of general and pediatric ophthalmology and cataracts. He completed his Army service in June '92 as a major in the Army Reserve at Fort Rucker, AL. In addition to patient care, teaching and research, he was consultant to the U.S. Surgeon General for aviation ophthalmology.

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#### 1985

**ELAINE ANGELIDES** and her husband, Philip, welcomed their first child, Matthew Evan Kopp, in February '92, as "a total joy to us both."

**ROBERT GALE** is director of HIV services at New York Downtown Hospital and is a national HIV consultant for Caremark Home Care Company.

**ELAINE GRAMMER-PACICCO** updates the family news, writing that Tom is a 2nd year G.I. fellow at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and that she is now out of the Army and working as a pediatrician at Fort Meade, Maryland. She adds: "We have three beautiful children, Thomas, 5, Michael, 3, and Elise, born in August '91."

**JANET LIN** is a clinical assistant professor of medicine at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She is also in the Department of Infectious Diseases at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield, NJ. Janet recently became a fellow of the American College of Physicians.

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#### 1986

**HAROLD BAUTISTA** started a plastic surgery fellowship at Nassau County Hospital in July '91.

**RONALD BROOKSHER** wrote that he had finished training in plastic surgery and started practice in Yuma, AZ.

**RANDI FELDMAN** has opened a private pediatrics practice as part of Chappaqua Medical Associates in Chappaqua, NY.

**ANTHONY SMITH** wrote in 1992 that he was completing a pulmonary critical care fellowship at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center in New York and would be joining the hospital's pulmonary department as an attending.

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#### 1987

**JAMES CREMINS** is a first year G.I. fellow at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, "working very hard, seeing tremendous cases." He said that he and Karen were expecting their first child in March '93.

**MARGARET GENNARO** practices pediatrics in Bayside, Queens. She is married to Edward Buckley and would like to hear from colleagues.

**WILLIAM KAISER** wrote: "Completed a general surgery residency and am now enjoying an assignment to Seoul, Korea."

**JEFFREY MAZLIN** is enjoying private practice of ob/gyn in Manhattan. He has three children: Jonathan, 6 1/2, Melissa, 4, and Lauren, 10 months.

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#### 1988

**SHERRI CLAYTON** has been appointed associate program director in the Department of Medicine at St. Vincent's Medical

Center in Bridgeport, CT. In this capacity she is responsible for the medical curriculum for the medical house staff, supervision and teaching of all aspects of medical care, and recruitment of house staff. Now also an instructor in the Department of Medicine at NYMC in Valhalla, she did her residencies at WCMC, was chief medical resident there, and is board certified in internal medicine.

**TERESA GIROLAMI** is in private practice of internal medicine in Seattle, Washington, and is a nationally ranked squash player.

**NORA HANSEN** finished a surgical oncology research fellowship at the University of Chicago and is now a 3rd year surgery resident there.

**ANDREA (MAITLIN) KATZ** is married to an environmental attorney, Eric Katz. They live in Berkeley Hts, NJ, and she has private pediatric offices in Summit and Warren, NJ.

**BENJAMIN MARANO, JR.** is finishing a G.I. fellowship at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City, and Gayle Marano is a pediatric attending at Montefiore/NCB. Ben and Gayle are proud parents of Matthew Aaron, born in September '92.

**GARY MUNN** wrote that he was being transferred to the new Naval Hospital in Sigonelle, Sicily, and was to open the Department of Psychiatry there.

**JON SCHMEYER** wrote that in addition to his private ophthalmology practice he is president of Hanover (PA) Surgical Center, a freestanding ambulatory surgery center, which he began with other local surgeons in March '92.

**SCOTT WEISS** and his wife, Laurie, welcomed their second child, Joshua Phillip, in September '92. Scott practices internal medicine in Tucson, AZ.

**ROBERT YACYNICH** and his wife, Marianne, proudly announced the birth of their first child, Edward Gerard, on October 1, '92. Rob writes that "Eddy is truly our bundle of joy." In his holiday letter he says that they are enjoying the Pacific Northwest and their own new home in Tacoma, WA. Rob is in the first year of a three-year residency in emergency medicine, enjoys the teaching, likes the people he works with, and is "now in pede, which has taken on a whole new meaning." He looked forward also to the second half of the year which will be tougher and include coronary care, i.e.u., and two months in San Francisco and Oakland on trauma rotation. Rob also noted his sadness at having read a newspaper report that classmate **JEFFERY LAKE** had died.

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#### 1989

**DEBORAH ANN HINCKLEY** is a U.S. Navy flight surgeon, stationed at COMTRAWING SIX, Pensacola, FL.

**RICK STEINBERG** is a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, currently a general medical officer, in Atlanta, GA. He writes in September '92: "When I am not contemplating life in Serbia, Saudi Arabia, or work under national health insurance I am studying for an M.B.A. in the evenings."

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#### 1990

**YOLANDRA JOHNSON** is spending January and February '93 working in a British hospital in Zimbabwe, as part of her residency program. She will bring back material to share with alumni/ae in the *Chironian*.

**5-Year  
REUNION**



# In Memoriam

**Milton Slocum '32**, a general practitioner who was an integral part of life in the "Hell's Kitchen" section of Manhattan during 34 years and chronicled that life in the popular book *Manhattan Country Doctor*, died of congestive heart failure on Friday, January 15, 1993 at his home in Santa Monica CA. He was 87.

In an interview for the spring '87 *Chironian*, we learned that Milton Slocum had always thought of becoming a country doctor but, when he and his wife, Belle Gibraltar, toured the rural area of his native Virginia they were disappointed in what they found and returned to New York. "People are the same everywhere, and so is medicine," his wife said in consolation. You can be a country doctor in Manhattan."

Hell's Kitchen was familiar to Milton from his internship and tours of heavy ambulance duty there. The patrolmen knew him and helped him find an office on West 56th Street. "I had no idea," he told us, "what a colorful population I was to care for during more than three decades. My practice included Old World and New World families, theater people, boxers, mobsters, every type of eccentric you might name," he said.

At New York Medical College, Milton Slocum was class president for three years. After his graduation he and his wife went to Vienna, where he planned to further his medical education. Soon, with growing signs of Nazism around them, the Slocums left, returning to New York, where Milton finished his internship at Flower and then started practice.

After serving as a medical officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he returned to his office and also joined the NYMC faculty, teaching physical diagnosis for over 20 years. He continued to bring "the touch of a country doctor" to his most urban population until his retirement in 1968, when his wife became ill and they moved to California to be near their daughter and her family.

Dr. Slocum's wife predeceased him. In addition to his daughter, Susan Slocum Hinerfeld, he is survived by two grandsons, Daniel and Matthew Hinerfeld, and his son-in-law, Robert Hinerfeld.

**Theodore H. Spaet '45**, a world renowned hematologist, research scientist, educator, and clinician, died Saturday, August 29, 1992 at his home in Scarsdale, NY. He was 72. The cause of his death was intestinal bleeding.

Dr. Spaet was associated with Montefiore Medical Center for 45 years, 30 as head of the Hematology Division. He was also a professor of medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine for 30 years, and was mourned by both institutions as a "learned and cultured colleague and leader . . . who did pioneer work in hemoglobin abnormalities, autoimmune anemias, platelet function, and atherosclerosis, and was author of scores of scientific publications."

After graduation from NYMC and following a residency at Montefiore, Theodore Spaet was a Damon Runyon fellow in hematology at the New England Medical Center in Boston, studying with the celebrated William Damashek, M.D. He then held an associate professorship at Stanford University before returning to Montefiore to head the Hematology Division until 1985. He continued active research until his retirement in 1990.

Born in Manhattan, Dr. Spaet received a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin

in 1942. After his internship, he served as a lieutenant with the U.S. Army in Japan from 1946 to 1948. On his return home he completed his post graduate training before going to Stanford.

A founder of the Society for the Study of Blood, Dr. Spaet was editor of several scientific journals and a member of professional organizations that included the Society for Experimental Biology and the American Physiological Society. He was also a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Spaet's first wife, Amy Abrams, died in 1970. He is survived by his wife, Mona Spaet, three daughters and five grandchildren.

**Wayne H. Decker '46**, an obstetrician/gynecologist noted for his work in infertility, died of heart failure on Monday, January 25, 1993 at Phelps Memorial Hospital Center in North Tarrytown, NY. He was 70.

Wayne Decker was executive director of the Fertility Research Foundation of New York City, founded by his father in 1964. Founder and editor of the journal, *Infertility*, and author of the textbook, *Office Gynecology*, he was an associate professor of clinical ob/gyn at New York University School of Medicine and associate obstetrician/gynecologist at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York.

A diplomate of the American Board of Ob/Gyn, he was a life fellow of the New York Obstetrical Society and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Decker is survived by his wife, Terry Howard Decker, a son, two daughters, and 5 grandchildren.

**Alexandra Symonds '48**, a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst whom the American Academy of Psychoanalysis honored last spring with its Presidential Award for Distinguished Service and Scientific Contributions, died of pancreatic cancer on May 20, 1992 at her home in Dobbs Ferry, NY. She was 73.

Actively involved throughout her professional life in broadening the consideration of women's issues, Dr. Symonds was honored by the New York Chapter of the National Organization for Women with their Susan B. Anthony Award and was the first recipient of the Alexandra Symonds Award of the Association of Women Psychiatrists, which she founded and served both as first president and as editor of its publication, *News of Women in Psychiatry*.

Alexandra Symonds earned a bachelor's degree at New York University in 1940 and a master's degree in psychiatry from the University of Wisconsin in 1944. After her medical college graduation, she served internships and a residency at the Marine Hospital on Staten Island and at Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan. She developed a lifelong relationship with Bellevue and was an associate attending there at the time of her death. She was also an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at the NYU School of Medicine, associate psychoanalyst at the Karen Horney Clinic, and a lecturer in family counseling at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY. She was a life fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and chair of its Women's Caucus.

Dr. Symonds is survived by her husband, Dr. Martin Symonds, a psychiatrist and deputy chief surgeon of the New York City Police Department, a sister, two brothers, two nephews, and three nieces.

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## Calendar of Events

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Wednesday May 12, 1993	Alumni Association Annual Meeting
Thursday May 13, 1993	Alumni Association Golf Outing and Dinner at Westchester Hills Golf Club Sponsored by the Westchester Chapter
MAY 21-25, 1993	ALUMNI/AE REUNION WEEKEND
Friday May 21, 1993	Class of 1968 25-Year Reunion Dinner Roof of Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center (formerly "Flower") – 7pm
Saturday May 22, 1993	Annual Alumni Banquet The Plaza Hotel – 7pm
Sunday May 23, 1993	Milestone Reunion for the Classes of: 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988. Valhalla Campus – 1pm
Tuesday May 25, 1993	NYMC Commencement – 4pm Golden Anniversary of the Class of 1943 Carnegie Hall
Friday September 10, 1993	Long Island Chapter Meeting

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TENTH ANNUAL TRUSTEES' CELEBRATION  
TO BENEFIT THE TRUSTEES' SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN FUND  
Monday Evening, October 18, 1993 The Waldorf-Astoria New York

Your participation in the Gala Program Journal is Invited

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